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ARMY RECORDS, BUREAU OF



# TREASURER'S AND SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

*Benjamin R. Jewell, Treasurer, in account with Town of South Hampton.*

DR.

1878, March 12, Cash on hand . . . . .	\$262.50
1879, March 1, Cash received as follows:	
From State Treasurer, Railroad Tax . . . . .	.95
" " " Savings Bank Tax . . . . .	10.72
" " " Literary Fund . . . . .	23.68
" Phillips White, grass on Burying Grounds . . . . .	.50
" Frederick B. French, grass at Pool and Beach . . . . .	.50
" County, for Support of Paupers . . . . .	165.64
" I. F. Purinton, for rent of Town House . . . . .	3.00
" Alphonzo Caswell, fine for violation of liquor law . . . . .	25.00
" County Solicitor, for witness fees . . . . .	19.64
" Warren A. Woodman, Collector for 1875 . . . . .	40.00
" Warren A. Woodman, Collector for 1876 . . . . .	66.22
" John Paige, Collector for 1877 . . . . .	476.30
" Smith N. Welch, Collector for 1878 . . . . .	2,765.69
" Jonathan Pressey, hired money . . . . .	200.00
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	\$4,060.34
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## SCHOOLS.

Paid as follows:

George J. Paige, Prudential Committee, Dist. No. 1 . . . . .	\$260.96
Moses J. Eaton, Prudential Committee, Dist. No. 2 . . . . .	199.24
Edmund B. Bartlett, Prudential Committee, Dist. No. 3 . . . . .	109.48
Schooling B. A. Currier's child in Dist. No. 3, Newton . . . . .	8.00
J. A. Cline & Co., for 3 Maps of New Hampshire . . . . .	15.00
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	\$592.68

NOTE. Money raised by the town \$569.00. Literary Fund \$23.68. Deducting \$15.00 from \$23.68 leaves \$8.68, of which one third was appropriated to each District. \$569.00 less \$8.00

leaves \$561.00 to be divided to each District as follows: 46 per cent. to No. 1; 35 per cent. to No. 2; and 19 per cent. to No. 3.

NOTE AND INTEREST ACCOUNT.

Paid Abner J. Wiggin, Interest on Note . . . . .	\$51.47
" Barnard School Fund . . . . .	150.00
" Jonathan Pressey, Note and Interest . . . . .	210.76
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	412.23

SUPPORT OF THE POOR.

Paid as follows:

Thomas Sawyer, for board of the children of S. E. Ring . . . . .	\$102.00
Edmund C. Tenney, for board of Arthur Abbott . . . . .	51.00
Mehitable B. Hull, for board of Mehitable B. Caswell . . . . .	9.64
Dr. H. G. Leslie, for medical attendance on M. B. Caswell . . . . .	3.00
Benj. R. Jewell, time and expense for County Money . . . . .	4.00
Fred. B. French, time and expense for County Money . . . . .	1.50
N. E. Collins, clothing for Benj. F. Hill . . . . .	2.50
Fred. B. French, cash paid to Benj. F. Hill, 20 weeks from Nov. 8, 1878 . . . . .	20.00
Fred. B. French, stove and funnel for Benj. F. Hill . . . . .	3.50
Fred. B. French, time and expense to Exeter, Hull's case . . . . .	1.50
Charles M. Place, digging grave, etc., for Mrs. S. K. Fowler . . . . .	3.50
Charles M. Place, digging grave, etc., for child of S. K. Fowler . . . . .	2.50
Walter S. Crafts, entertainment for tramps . . . . .	2.00
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	\$206.64

NOTE. Received from the County \$165.64. Deficit \$41.00.

HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES AND SNOW PATHS.

Paid as follows:

Newell Boyd, Lumber for railing, Chase Road . . . . .	\$7.99
Fred. B. French, hauling lumber . . . . .	.75
Fred. B. French, 3 5-6 days' labor on Chase Road . . . . .	5.75
Fred. B. French, Bolts and Spikes, Chase Road . . . . .	1.00
Washington F. Currier, 1 day's labor, Chase Road . . . . .	1.50
Fred. B. French, 1-2 day's labor, Grassy Brook . . . . .	.75
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Amount carried forward . . . . . \$17.74

Amount brought forward . . . . .	\$17.74
Isaiah F. Purinton, 2-3 day's labor, Peak Bridge . . . . .	1.00
Isaiah F. Purinton, 1 day's labor, Currier Bridge . . . . .	1.50
William F. Towle, Stone for bridge, Exeter Road . . . . .	2.00
William F. Towle, lighting street at night . . . . .	.50
Nathan H. Brown, labor on bridge, Exeter Road . . . . .	4.05
Nathan H. Brown, stone for " " " . . . . .	1.00
Daniel Merrill, labor on " " " . . . . .	1.25
Michael Summers, labor on " " " . . . . .	3.75
Charles M. Place, labor on " " " . . . . .	6.75
Isaiah F. Purinton, labor on " " " . . . . .	27.00
George Page, lighting street at night . . . . .	1.00
Isaiah F. Purinton, Scraper and Plow . . . . .	2.00
John C. Evans, land damage on Old Exeter Road . . . . .	15.00
Otis W. Towle et als., work on highway and snow paths . . . . .	27.73
Daniel Gibbons et als., " " " " . . . . .	11.06
Washington F. Currier, " " " " . . . . .	1.50
Non-Resident Orders . . . . .	23.57
Benj. Morrill, Highway Tax, District No. 1 . . . . .	5.12

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\$153.52

NOTE. On the completion of the paving of the river bed at the bridge over Powow River, near residence of Alfred Jewell, Mr. Samuel P. Eaton will be entitled to \$37.28 when the work is done to the satisfaction of Mr. I. F. Purinton.

LIQUOR LAW PROSECUTIONS.

Paid as follows :

John J. Walsh and Robert Waterson, fare from Lewiston, Me., to Exeter, at Grand Jury . . . . .	\$11.60
For services on Craft's pleadings, <i>nolo contendere</i> . . . . .	15.00
For expenses at Exeter, Grand Jury . . . . .	.40
For travel from Taunton, Mass., to Exeter, and return . . . . .	12.04
For time and expenses from Boston and return . . . . .	10.00
George W. Brown, eight days' service . . . . .	24.00
George W. Brown, expenses for eight days . . . . .	11.00
Horace H. Currier, legal services at trial . . . . .	5.00
Fred. B. French, time at trial and complaint . . . . .	2.25
Isaiah F. Purinton, " " " . . . . .	2.25
Benj. R. Jewell, " " " . . . . .	11.00

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\$104.54

NOTE. Received from Alphonzo Caswell \$25.00, and from County, witnesses' fees, \$19.64. Total \$44.64. Deficit \$59.90.



## DISCOUNTS AND ABATEMENTS.

Paid as follows:

Discount on \$1,193.98 at 5 per cent. as per vote of town . . . . .	\$59.69
Discount on \$434.84 at 3 per cent. as per vote of town . . . . .	12.04
Abatements for 1876, Warren A. Woodman, Collector . . . . .	6.29
“ “ 1877, John Paige, Collector . . . . .	4.62
“ “ 1878, Smith N. Welch, Collector . . . . .	12.65
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	\$96.29

NOTE. 1876, Benj. F. Hill, one poll, \$1.38; Henry B. Savary, one poll, \$1.38; Jonathan Kimball, \$2.28 paid in Newton; Benj. W. Putnam, not advertised by Collector, \$1.25. Total in 1876, \$6.29. In 1877, Charles H. Chamberlin, one poll, ninety-three cents; Richard L. Currier, one poll, ninety-three cents; Benj. F. Hill, one poll, ninety-three cents; Daniel Woodman, one poll, ninety-three cents; over seventy years of age; and Benj. W. Putnam, ninety cents, not advertised by the Collector. Total in 1877, \$4.62. In 1878, Sally A. Barnard, \$11.50 for money not available in Newburyport Five Cent Savings Bank; Benj. F. Hill, one poll, \$1.15. Total in 1878, \$12.65.

## BEACH CASE.

Paid as follows:

On execution of Richard Fowler against South Hampton . . . . .	\$343.96
Bryant Eaton, conveyance of witness to Amesbury . . . . .	1.50
Benj. R. Jewell, time and expense to Portsmouth . . . . .	2.50
F. B. French, agent, time and expense to Portsmouth . . . . .	3.10
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	\$351.06

NOTE. There are two bills still unpaid in connection with this case; one of Hon. A. R. Hatch, of \$135.70, and one of Calvin Page, Esq., of \$58.55. Total, \$194.25.

## TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid as follows:

Benjamin R. Jewell, services as Selectman . . . . .	\$20.00
“ “ “ Treasurer . . . . .	20.00
“ “ one day at Concord to settle accounts . . . . .	7.00
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Amount carried forward . . . . .	\$47.00



Amount brought forward	\$47.00
Benjamin R. Jewell, four days perambulating town lines	6.00
“ “ calling November Town Meeting	1.50
“ “ time on the Dole Road petition	1.50
“ “ making check-list for Representative Election	1.50
Frederick B. French, services as Selectman	20.00
“ “ Overseer of the Poor	5.00
“ “ house room and stationery	12.00
“ “ four days perambulating town lines	6.00
“ “ calling November Town Meeting	1.50
“ “ making check-list for Representative Election	1.50
“ “ time on the Dole Road petition	1.50
“ “ time with the County Commissioners	1.50
“ “ copying Inventory for County Commissioners	2.00
Isaiah F. Purinton, services as Selectman	20.00
“ “ two days perambulating town lines	3.00
“ “ calling November Town Meeting	1.50
“ “ making check-list for Representative Election	1.50
“ “ time on the Dole Road petition	1.50
P. P. Whitehouse, services as Sup't School Committee	15.00
“ “ services as Town Clerk	20.00
C. M. Place, services as Sexton and care of Town House	10.00
Smith N. Welch, services as Collector	42.50

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\$223.50

## MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid as follows :

Fred. B. French, for Express . . . . .	\$0.15
“ “ bounties on hawks and foxes . . . . .	1.50
Benj. R. Jewell, bounties on hawks and foxes . . . . .	5.50
Isaiah F. Purinton, bounties on hawks and foxes . . . . .	2.20
“ “ repairing gate at Burying Ground . . . . .	.25
Charles M. Place, repairing gate at Burying Ground . . . . .	1.00
“ “ pick and iron bar . . . . .	.50
“ “ glass, putty and labor . . . . .	1.40
P. P. Whitehouse, postage and stationery, . . . . .	2.00
“ “ posting notices of Tramp Law . . . . .	1.00
“ “ three physicians' certificates . . . . .	.75
“ “ one record book . . . . .	.90
C. W. Calkins & Co., printing Town Reports, 1878 . . . . .	25.50
Thomas Todd, printing Tax Receipts . . . . .	2.25
George E. Lane, Inventory Books, etc. . . . .	3.50
“ “ General Statutes . . . . .	5.00
E. C. Eastman, Warrants and Check-lists . . . . .	.75
“ “ Town Blanks . . . . .	.96
J. L. Fairbanks & Co., one Record Book for Town Clerk . . . . .	5.00
W. D. Bartlett & Son, funnel, etc. . . . .	1.45
Benj. R. Jewell, Express (Wells) . . . . .	.45
John O. P. Clifford, watering trough . . . . .	3.00
State Tax . . . . .	536.00
County Tax . . . . .	733.64

\$1,334.65

## STATEMENT OF THE FINANCES OF THE TOWN.

Paid as follows :

Schools . . . . .	\$ 592.68
Note and interest account . . . . .	412.23
Support of the poor . . . . .	206.64
Highways, bridges and snow paths . . . . .	153.52
Liquor Law prosecutions . . . . .	104.54
Discounts and abatements . . . . .	96.29
Beach case . . . . .	351.06
Town officers . . . . .	223.50
Miscellaneous expenses . . . . .	1,334.65

\$3,475.11



Whole amount committed to Collector for 1878	.	.	\$3,045.21
“ “ paid in by “ “	.	.	2,765.69
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Amount due from Collector for 1878	.	.	\$ 279.52

## DOG TAX ACCOUNT.

DR.

1878, March 12, Cash on hand	.	.	.	\$17.00
1879, Feb. 28, received of Smith N. Welch	.	.	.	13.00
1879, " " John Paige	.	.	.	3.00
				<hr/> \$33.00

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1878, March 12, paid Sally A. Barnard	.	.	.	\$15.00
1879, March 1, paid abatements	.	.	.	3.00
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				\$18.00

Cash on hand . . . . .	\$15.00
Amount of tax committed to the Collector . . . . .	\$27.00
"    "    paid in by    "    "    . . . . .	13.00
Amount due from Collector in 1878 . . . . .	\$14.00

THE TOWN OWES NOTES IN FAVOR OF THE FOLLOWING :

Barnard School Fund	.	.	.	.	.	\$2,500.00
Abner J. Wiggin, note and interest,	.	.	.	.	.	816.00
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						\$3,316.00

THE ASSETS OF THE TOWN ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Due from Warren A. Woodman, Collector,	1875 . . .	\$50.04
“ “ “ “ “	1876 . . .	75.00
“ John Paige, “	1877 . . .	35.47
“ Smith N. Welch, “	1878 . . .	293.52
“ United States bounties . . .	. . .	914.80
“ Judgment against J. M. Heath . . .	. . .	462.77
“ Interest from April 28, 1871 . . .	. . .	217.49
“ Cash in treasury . . .	. . .	585.23
		<hr/> \$2,634.32

## RECAPITULATION.

Whole amount of indebtedness . . . . .	\$3,316.00
“ “ assets . . . . .	2,634.32
Present Town Debt . . . . .	\$581.68
Town Debt last year . . . . .	707.17
Decrease of Town Debt . . . . .	\$125.49

BENJAMIN R. JEWELL, *Town Treasurer.*

BENJAMIN R. JEWELL, } *Selectmen*  
 FREDERICK B. FRENCH, } *of*  
 ISAIAH F. PURINTON, } *South Hampton.*

South Hampton, N. H., March 1, 1879.

The undersigned have examined the foregoing Treasurer's and Selectmen's account, and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

JACOB EATON, } *Auditors.*  
 JOHN PAIGE, }



# SCHOOL REPORT.

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## DISTRICT NO. 1.

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE, George J. Paige.

TEACHERS, *First Term*, Miss Susie J. Goodhue, of Fremont ;  
*Second and Third Terms*, Jacob T. Choate, of Amesbury, Mass.

Money appropriated, \$260.96. Length of school, 36 weeks.

This school under the instruction of Miss Goodhue made some progress. The teacher having passed a fair examination, received a certificate and entered upon her task with a desire to give satisfaction. She tried to do her duty faithfully in her school, strove for good order and perfect lessons, but sometimes failed to accomplish all that might reasonably have been expected as the result of her labors. Mr. Choate, a graduate of the Amesbury High School, was untiring in his efforts for the improvement of the school. At the suggestion of the committee he reduced the number of classes from thirty-two to sixteen, the reduction enabling him to give much more time to each class. The exercises heard during the several visits of the Committee evinced thorough instruction and close application, and most of the pupils, we are confident, will look back upon the season as one of both pleasure and profit. The exhibition at the close of the school was an interesting occasion. The large company in attendance were well pleased with the entertainment given by teacher, pupils and assisting friends.

## DISTRICT NO. 2.

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE, Moses J. Eaton.

TEACHER, Miss Ellen J. Towle, of Kingston.

Money appropriated, \$199.24. Length of school, 32 weeks.

The Prudential Committee was fortunate in procuring the services of a first-class teacher. Having graduated at Mt. Holyoke Seminary, and having served acceptably as assistant in the Seminary at Doyleston, Pa., Miss Towle commenced her duties here with the advantages resulting from a complete course of study and valuable experience as a teacher. The facility with which she could interest and govern her pupils also added greatly to her efficiency as an instructress. Those under her charge were made to feel that it was for their interest to obey, and they soon looked upon the obligation as a pleasure as well as a duty. The examination was highly satisfactory.

### DISTRICT NO. 3.

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE, Edmund B. Bartlett.

\* TEACHER, Miss Nellie M. Bartlett, of this town.

Money appropriated, \$109.48. Length of school, 27 weeks.

This was Miss Bartlett's first school. The Committee found good order in the school whenever he visited it, and some progress was made in the several branches.

For the first time in the history of our town the study of Latin has been introduced into our district schools. This was allowed by your Committee for three reasons :

1. The teachers of the schools in which that study was pursued were well qualified to teach it.
2. Some of the advanced pupils, who were desirous of entering a higher course of study than that ordinarily pursued in our schools, were ready to take up that branch.
3. The General Laws authorize the study of higher branches when in the judgment of the School Committee "it shall be proper."

Your Committee would not approve, however, of substituting Latin, or any other higher branch, for the Arithmetic or the Spelling-book. If an advanced pupil can spend the time and money sufficient to enable him to complete a higher course, we see no objection to his commencing that course in the district



school. But if his school privileges are to be limited, if he has but one or two terms to give to a dead language, let him by all means learn to read and to write, to spell and to cipher.

Cornell's Geographies, having been for a long time in use in the schools, were exchanged for Harper's, and we think with profit to the pupils.

As authorized by the Legislature at the last session, the Superintending School Committee and Selectmen purchased three copies of the Map of New Hampshire, for the use of the schools of the town.

Attention is directed to the Roll of Honor and Summary appended.

P. P. WHITEHOUSE,  
*Superintending School Committee.*

#### ROLL OF HONOR.

Including the Names of all Pupils who have been present every half day of a term without being tardy.

DISTRICT NO. 1. S. Isabel Jewell, first and second terms; Charles R. Jewell, second term; Francis A. E. Jewell, first and second terms; Milan D. Paige, first term; Willie F. Austin, second term.

DISTRICT NO. 2. Fannie B. Eaton, first, second and third terms; Ella W. Eaton, first, second and third terms; Jennie Welch, first and third terms; Georgie Luther, second and third terms; Sammie Prescott, second and third terms; Gracie E. Prescott, first term; M. Bessie Eaton, second term; Arthur Abbott, second term.

DISTRICT NO. 3. Sallie J. Evans, first and second terms; Ephraim True, second term.


# SUMMARY.


	DISTRICT NO. 1.				DISTRICT NO. 2.				DISTRICT NO. 3.		
	First Term.	Second Term.	Third Term.	Year.	First Term.	Second Term.	Third Term.	Year.	First Term.	Second Term.	Year.
No. of half-days of school.....	112	117	110	339	120	120	40	280	100	170	270
Length of school in weeks of five days each....	12	12	12	36	12	12	8	32	10	17	27
Whole No. of boys attending 2 weeks or more...	17	18	19	20	6	10	7	10	7	8	8
“ “ girls “ “ ..	14	14	11	15	12	11	11	12	3	2	3
“ “ pupils “ “ ..	31	32	30	35	18	21	19	22	10	10	10
Average No. of pupils belonging to the school..	..	31	27	29	18	21	19	22	10	9	9
Average daily attendance.....	28	28	22	26	17	19	..	..	9	9	9
Percentage of daily attendance.....	90	90	81	87	94	90	70	..	..	..	90
Whole No. of pupils under 5 years of age.....	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	1
“ “ over 15 years of age.....	..	2	2	2	2	5	6	8	1	..	1
“ “ bet. 5 and 15 years of age.....	30	31	28	31	16	16	13	16	8	9	9
“ “ under 6 years of age.....	3	2	1	3	..	..	..	..	3	3	3
“ “ over 16 “ “ ..	..	2	1	1	2	4	2	4	..	..	..
“ “ bet. 6 and 16 years of age.....	28	30	28	28	16	17	17	18	5	5	5
No. of pupils who have not been absent.....	7	9	..	..	9	8	6	4	4	6	5
No. of children bet. 5 and 15 not attending school	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Wages of teachers per month, including board..	\$25	\$25	\$25	..	\$24	\$24	\$24	..	\$20	\$20	..
No. of visits by Superintendent School Com....	2	2	2	6	2	1	3	6	2	3	5
“ “ Prudential Committee.....	1	..	2	3	..	..	1	1	..	..	..
“ “ parents and citizens.....	10	9	83	102	9	5	43	57	6	9	15
“ “ others ..	4	11	..	15	10	5	8	23	..	2	2
“ pupils studying Algebra.....	2	2	2	2	..	3	1	..	..	..	..
“ “ Botany.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
“ “ Latin ..	..	6	6	6	..	1	1	..	..	..	..



## Articles in Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting. MARCH, 1879.

1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.
2. To choose all necessary town officers, wardens and agents for the year ensuing.
3. To raise such sums of money as may be needed to defray the necessary charges arising in said town, and make appropriation for the same.
4. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for a Highway Tax, and see how the town will have it raised and expended for the year ensuing.
5. To see what sum of money exceeding the amount required by law the town will vote to raise for the support of schools.
6. To see what the town will do with the Literary Fund they may receive from the State the year ensuing.
7. To see what by-laws the town will make for licensing, regulating and restraining dogs, agreeably to Chapter 115, General Laws of New Hampshire.
8. To see what the town will do with the grass at the Pool, Beach and Burying Ground the present year.
9. To see if the town will vote that the Selectmen shall not appoint an Agent for the sale of spirit, agreeably to Chapter 109, General Laws of New Hampshire.
10. To see what discount the town will vote to allow for the prompt payment of taxes the present year.
11. To see if the town will vote to enforce Sections 15 and 16 of Chapter 109, General Laws of New Hampshire.
12. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen or Agent to prosecute violations of Chapter 109, General Laws of New Hampshire.
13. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to purchase traverse or other suitable runners for the Hearse, and make appropriation of the same.

 The Supervisors of the Check List will hold their final meeting for the correction of the same on Monday, March 10th, 1879, at 10 o'clock, A. M., at the Town House.

 Owing to the change in the law of the State, there is no revision of the Check List on the morning of the election. The Town Meeting is warned to commence at nine of the clock on Tuesday morning, March 11th, 1879. It is desirable to commence promptly at that hour.







